

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY November 18, 2015**

**Held November 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm, in the Board Chambers in Village Hall,  
Coal Valley, Illinois**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Village President Emil Maslanka.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dick Stone, Dale Keppy, Mike Bartels, Dave Timmons, Bruce Crowe,  
Kathy Cornish

Absent:

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff present at the meeting were: Allen May - Village Administrator, Stephen Mullen – Director of Water and Sanitary Sewer, Penny Woods – Assistant Village Administrator, Amber Dennis – Village Clerk and Jack Chick - Interim Chief of Police.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Dick Stone to approve the minutes with corrections for the November 4, 2015, Village Board meeting. Kathy Cornish seconded, all ayes motion was carried.

5. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments

Peggy Stoehr approached the Board asking to consider a leaf burning ban. Mrs. Stoehr explained that leaves contain mold that when burned have cancer causing agents that are ingested into the lungs. Mrs. Stoehr asked the Board to put a leaf burn ban to a vote at the next meeting. Mike Bartels stated that there are alternatives now for leaf burning which is using the yard waste bags and mulching them. Mr. Bartels stated that the burn ban will be put on the next agenda.

6. Reports from the President and Other Officers (on matters not otherwise appearing on the Agenda)

A. President – No report.

B. Trustees – No report.

C. Staff – Allen May stated that the executive session will include discussions regarding the Police Chief position and other personnel issues. Mr. May said that \$640.00 was collected from Don Dyer and a payment plan is scheduled.

Penny Woods handed out a pamphlet on an idea of having a Holiday lights display competition for the residents. Mrs. Woods explained that there would be an option of gift cards, utility credits, Pizza's, etc. All Board members were in favor of the Holiday competition. [Staff note: This idea was developed by Sandra Standefer.] Mayor Maslanka stated that the Board members can think of more prizes and the Village can put the information in the newsletter and website.

Interim Chief Jack Chick stated that Sergeant Buchholz injured his shoulder on a call Tuesday night and will be off duty until the doctor releases him possibly on Friday. Interim Chief Jack Chick explained that Officer Logan Thomas was in a traffic accident and has a vertical break of his jaw that does not require surgery, and will be back on duty the second week of December.

Stephen Mullen stated that the power service from the water tower to well #2 died and he will have it fixed Thursday.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- A. Update/Changes Regarding No Parking Signs with Recommendations from CV Fire Chief Dunham – Chief Dunham spoke at the meeting and stated that residents cannot park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant and would be in favor of any no parking signs that the Board would choose. Chief Dunham stated that a fire truck would not fit down East 5<sup>th</sup> Street from 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He also said that East 4<sup>th</sup> Street A would be problematic in an emergency if cars were parked on both sides of the street.

Mike Bartels stated that he would be in favor of putting no parking signs in site specific locations, but not all over the Village. Kathy Cornish agreed with Mike Bartels. Dave Timmons stated that he would like to identify the problem areas and readdress it at a later meeting. Dick Stone stated that East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue has some congestion as well.

Mayor Maslanka suggested that Chief Dunham and Interim Chief Chick get together to compile a list with fire hydrant issues, congestion issues or public safety issues and come back to the board.

- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Changing Fiscal Year to Calendar Year Ordinance–

Allen May stated that this would be incorporating the change from fiscal year to calendar year and will take effect in January 2018. The change has been approved through legal as well. Mike Bartels made a motion to accept changing the fiscal year to calendar year in the ordinance. Bruce Crowe seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye.

## 8. New Business

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Amending Water/Sewer Rates Ordinance–

Mr. May stated that with this new ordinance it would increase the water discontinuation fee from \$40.00 to \$100.00 for residential services and \$70.00 to \$85.00 for commercial services who are 60 days or more behind on their water

payment. All Board members agreed that the fee would give residents more motivation to come in and pay their water bills before they get disconnected. No motion was needed as the second reading will be brought back at the next meeting.

#### B. Trustee Compensation

Mike Bartels stated that he had spoken with Kathy Cornish and Dick Stone regarding the tax increases and was thinking that the trustees could help not raise the tax levy by giving up all of their combined salaries of \$9,500/year. Mr. Bartels feel that he is at the meetings as a public service and would like to put his salary back into the budget if it is an option. Dick Stone stated that since there is not going to be a tax increase there is no need to give up the trustees salaries. Bruce Crowe stated that the salary is a nominal fee and that there is something to be said for the nights they give up for the services to the Village and maybe later trustees will need the compensation.

Mr. May stated that the ordinance would have to be changed because as of now the ordinance states the salary and fuel allowance. Mr. May stated that there could be an ordinance that states that at the beginning of any trustees term or fiscal year he or she could opt out of the salary. Mr. Bartels would like that as an option. Dale Keppy does not agree with the option to be left to the individual to give up their yearly salary. Mr. Keppy thinks that it creates some pressure that the knowledge is out there known by the staff, and he believes that everyone needs to be all in or all out. Kathy Cornish stated that there is an option to donate to beautify the Village. Mayor Maslanka stated that he will get with legal and put it back on the agenda for discussion.

#### C. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Amending Tax Levy Ordinance

Penny Woods stated that the trustees see this every year and has nothing to do with the previous tax levy that was spoke about. Mrs. Woods stated that it involves the current budget and the money that will be collected, both levy's need to be filed with Rock Island and Henry County. Alan Wilson stated that the title on the bonds needs to be changed. Mayor Maslanka stated that proper wording would be corrected for the bonds. Dick Stone made a motion to accept the current tax levy and waive the second reading. Kathy Cornish seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion carried.

#### D. Police Vehicle

Interim Chief Jack Chick stated that there was a traffic accident with Officer Logan Thomas in the 2012 Chevy Impala squad car. The Squad car was considered a total loss. Interim Chief Chick is dealing with the claim at this point and has an estimate of \$10,900 - \$11,400 for the replacement of the car. He will also get an estimate on equipment replacement.

Interim Chief Chick stated that they looked at a replacement squad car, but thought it would be better and more cost saving to put Chief's unmarked car out on the street. There would be a cost of approximately \$1,500 to stripe the squad car and put a light bar on it. The reason that they do not want to purchase a new squad car at this time is because the Village just purchased two new squad cars, and having three new squad

cars would be very costly when the time comes to replace them in the future. Interim Chief Chick is looking into a mileage program for all the squad cars as well.

E. General & W/C Insurance Renewal

Penny Woods explained that it was time for general and workers comp insurance renewal and stated that the rates stayed about the same except the liability insurance did go up. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the general and workers comp insurance renewal. Dave Timmons seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

F. Pay Estimate #2 – Final Retainage for Miller Trucking 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project

Allen May stated that this is for the final payment to Miller Trucking for the East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue drainage project retention amount of \$3700.37. Dale Keppy made a motion to approve the payment of \$3700.37 to Miller Trucking and Excavating. Mike Bartels seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

G. Pay Estimate #1 – Final for Tri-City Blacktop

Allen May stated that this is the final payment of \$97,132.20 to Tri-City Blacktop for all the locations they worked on. Mr. May stated that Tri-City has not been paid anything for the job. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve the payment of \$97,132.20 to Tri-City Blacktop. Bruce Crowe seconded, roll call: Stone; aye, Keppy; aye, Bartels; aye, Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish aye. Motion carried.

H. Pay Estimate Change Order for Tri-City Blacktop

Allen May stated that this includes the accumulative work that they have done and the approvals by the engineers. The payment is for \$13,418.60. Dave Timmons made a motion to approve the change order, but to include the payment in the above final pay estimate for Tri-City Blacktop. Kathy Cornish seconded; roll call: Stone, aye; Keppy; aye, Bartels, aye; Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed

I. Payment of the Bills

Dick Stone asked about the bill for Connor Co. Penny Woods stated that the bill was for heaters and the parts for them. Mr. May stated that the garage is still under budget. Mike Bartels made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Kathy Cornish seconded; roll call: Stone, aye; Keppy; aye, Bartels, aye; Timmons; aye, Crowe; aye, Cornish; aye. Motion passed

J. Executive Session – Personnel Issues

Kathy Cornish made a motion to go into executive session. Dale Keppy seconded; all ayes, motion passed.

Kathy Cornish made a motion to exit the executive session. Dave Timmons seconded, all ayes motion passed.

9. For the Good of the Village – 6 Minute Public Comments

Kathy Cornish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Timmons seconded, all ayes, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Dennis  
Village Clerk